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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

R. Baliga et al.

Attorney Docket No. AESI1214&

Application No.: 10/620,101

Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: R.J. Palabrica

July 14, 2003

INTEGRATED HEAD ASSEMBLY FOR A NUCLEAR REACTOR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the Final Office Action, dated June 2, 2004, set to expire on September 2, 2004, be extended by two months to expire on November 2, 2004. In response to the Office Action, a continuation application is being filed concurrently herewith (our Docket No. AESI123935).

Enclosed is our check No. 159182 in the amount of: \$55.00 (one month) \$490.00 (three months) \$215.00 (two months) \$765.00 (four months)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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